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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Department of Financial Management! This brochure contains important information regarding the PhD(Financial Management Science) degree [abbreviated as PhD(FMS)] as offered by the Department of Financial Management at the University of Pretoria. The PhD(FMS) is a research degree requiring supervised and independent research resulting in a unique scientific contribution to existing knowledge and culminating in a thesis and peer-reviewed publication.

2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A relevant Masters degree is required **with an average of at least 65%**. Applications will be subjected to a selection process taking into account, amongst others, an applicant's previous academic performance, work experience and research outline as well as the departmental research focus areas.

3. GUIDELINES FOR THE RESEARCH OUTLINE

A candidate's research outline (of about 1000 words) is needed by the department to assess the feasibility of the planned research and the availability of a supervisor. It is not limited to but should at least cover the following:

- What are the research objectives?
- What is the gap in existing academic knowledge that this research intends to fill with its unique academic contribution?
- What data will the candidate use for the empirical part of the study to reach the research objectives?

Naturally the outline will include at least a short list of references (see the **TEMPLATE FOR 1000 WORDS RESEARCH OUTLINE** at the end of this document). The outline is to be sent to the programme coordinator before or concurrent with submitting an application to the Client Service Centre.

4. CURRICULUM INFORMATION

- The PhD is conferred by virtue of a dissertation and peer-reviewed publication.
- The research component weighs 100% towards the degree requirements.
- A compulsory module in Research Methodology must be completed.
- The head of department has the right to prescribe any additional modules/seminars.
- Regular personal contact is regarded as very important.
- The modules for the PhD(FMS) are:
 - FBS 995: Thesis, Financial Management
 - FBS 884: Research Methodology

5. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Candidates with international degrees need to submit an accreditation certificate from the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) with their application. SAQA can be contacted at <http://www.saqa.org.za>. For other requirements regarding international students, please visit <http://www.up.ac.za/>.

6. FEES AND FUNDING

Please visit the Fees & Funding (Postgraduate students) website at <http://www.up.ac.za/>.

7. NATURE OF STUDY

Once an applicant's 1000 words research outline is accepted by the departmental Research Committee he/she enrolls for the prescribed Research Methodology module on the PhD level (distance education), as well as start preparing a more extensive 40-50 page research proposal. After about six months this proposal has to be presented to the departmental Research Committee. As soon as this committee is satisfied with the planned unique scientific contribution of the study, permission may be given that the student enrolls for PhD. Under the guidance of the supervisor the student completes the study, conforms to all scientific requirements including those of the Faculty's Ethics and Postgraduate Committees, and submits the thesis and concept articles for publication. The research component forms 100% of the requirements for the degree, and the degree is not completed before all requirements have been met.

8. DURATION OF STUDY

Studies must be completed within three years after the first registration for the degree. The Dean may, during any academic year and at the recommendation of the Postgraduate Committee, cancel the registration of any student whose academic progress is not satisfactory.

9. APPLICATIONS

Prospective students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible after applications open in March of the year preceding the study. Closing dates for applications for 2016 are:

- 31 July 2015 for non-South African citizens.
- 30 September 2015 for South African citizens.

Applications can be made electronically at <http://www.up.ac.za/>, or a paper copy sent by post or delivered by hand to the Client Service Centre (CSC). (Please visit the CSC at <http://www.csc.up.ac.za> for more detail).

10. PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR

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Candidates are encouraged to contact the programme co-ordinator **before** they apply.

11. OTHER ENQUIRIES

Additional information pertaining to the PhD(FMS) degree appears in the postgraduate brochure of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences.

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12. TEMPLATE FOR 1000 WORDS RESEARCH OUTLINE

(Descriptive title of planned research)

(Initials and surname of candidate)

- 1. Introduction/Background to the study**
- 2. Research objectives**
- 3. Gap in current knowledge to be filled by this research**
- 4. Data to be used and its source**
- 5. List of references**